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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Gatos—Hacker Group Takes Over Netflix Twitter Account

(U) One of Netflix Inc.'s Twitter accounts was hacked today by an entity calling itself "OurMine." Several mocking tweets were sent from the Netflix US Twitter account. While Netflix could not be immediately reached for comment, the company's verified customer support twitter handle tweeted: "We're aware of the situation and are working to get it resolved." OurMine is well known for breaking into high-profile social media accounts, including those of Twitter Inc. CEO Jack Dorsey, Facebook Inc.'s Mark Zuckerberg, and media outlets Forbes and TechCrunch.

SOURCE: 21 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) San Francisco—Hundreds of Ivory Pieces Seized in Statewide Bust

(U) State wildlife authorities confiscated hundreds of illegal ivory items over the past two weeks, including illicit goods sold at two San Francisco businesses, officials said yesterday. Amidst a continued crackdown that's followed the 1 July ban on commercial ivory sales in California, investigators inspected several businesses in the city and on 15 December found two with "significant violations," according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. State officials also intercepted 377 pieces of jewelry containing ivory at an air cargo terminal in Los Angeles that had been shipped from Indonesia into California.

SOURCE: 20 December 2016, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York—Russian Cybergang Scored Millions in Fake-Ad Scam, Says Report

(U) New York—A Russian criminal group is running a massive fraud that has been siphoning off millions of digital advertising dollars a day for a couple of months, a firm that specializes in detecting online-ad fraud says. The New York-based firm White Ops said in a report today that the "Methbot" scam made it appear that hundreds of thousands of people, mostly in the US, were watching real video ads from real companies on more than 6,000 fake websites that mimicked well-known publishers. The firm estimates that the scammers were getting \$3 million to \$5 million per day since roughly early October, and the fraud is still on-going.

SOURCE: 20 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Virginia—US Coast Guard Seized \$87 Million in Cocaine

(U) Virginia Beach—A Virginia Beach-based Coast Guard cutter returned home on 19 December after seizing more than 6,600 pounds of cocaine during a 48-day patrol in the Western Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean. The drugs, worth an estimated \$87 million, were seized with the help of the Colombian Navy and the Costa Rican Coast Guard as part of the Coast Guard's strategy to combat transnational criminal networks in the Western Hemisphere.

SOURCE: 20 December 2016, [WTKR 3 Norfolk](#)

(U) Washington—Data Breach Exposes Data for 400k Health Insurance Members

(U) Seattle—Almost 400,000 current and former members of the Community Health Plan of Washington have had personal information, including Social Security numbers, exposed in a data breach. The organization confirmed the breach 30 November after a forensics investigation and notified the FBI and state regulators, including the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The incident began when someone left a phone message indicating that they had identified a vulnerability in the computer network of the firm that provides the organization with technical services. There is no evidence yet of any harm to members, according to its chief operating officer.

SOURCE: 21 December 2016, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Congo—At Least 26 Killed in Congo Protests

(U) Kinshasa—Security forces in Congo have killed at least 26 demonstrators and arrested scores more amid protests against President Joseph Kabila's hold on power, Human Rights Watch said, as talks on the political crisis caused by delayed elections resumed today under Catholic church mediators. Dozens were also killed during protests in September when the electoral commission failed to schedule the presidential election. Once set for November, it has now been indefinitely delayed. The ruling party says it won't be held until 2018.

SOURCE: 21 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Germany—Police Search for Tunisian Man Suspected in Christmas Market Attack

(U) Berlin—Police are searching for a new suspect in the 19 December attack on a Berlin Christmas market, when a truck barreled into the crowded market and killed 12 people. Police are now looking for a Tunisian man with several aliases, and German media outlets, citing unnamed sources, report that the man is in his 20s and became a suspect after temporary residency papers were found under the seat of the cab in the tractor-trailer. The search has been expanded across Europe for the Tunisian suspect, who was earlier considered a threat and rejected for asylum by the refugee agency in Germany in June 2016 and was ordered deported.

SOURCE: 21 December 2016, [NPR](#)

(U) Ukraine—Authorities Investigates Suspected Cyberattack on Kiev Power Grid

(U) Kiev—Ukraine is investigating a suspected cyberattack on Kiev's power grid over the weekend, the latest in a series of strikes on its energy and financial infrastructure, the head of the state-run power distributor said yesterday. The acting chief director of Ukrenergo stated that a power distribution station near Kiev unexpectedly switched off early on 18 December, leaving the northern part of the capital without electricity. The company's IT specialists had found transmission data that had not been included in standard protocols, suggesting that external interference was the likeliest scenario.

SOURCE: 20 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas—Surge in Illegal Border Crossings Leads US to Open New Facility

(U) Tornillo—In response to the surge in immigrants crossing along the US-Mexico border illegally, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) opened a new facility on 17 December to help process unaccompanied minors and families. The temporary, tented CBP facility, which was opened in Tornillo, Texas, 40 miles east of El Paso, can hold up to 500 people. It will be opened for 30 days, pending any changes in the volume of people entering the US in that region illegally, according to CBP. The total

number of Border Patrol apprehensions was up by 23 percent in fiscal year 2016 from the year before and family apprehensions nearly doubled.

SOURCE: 20 December 2016, [ABC News](#)

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